

HE THEREFORE THAT DESPISETH...

1 Thess. 4:8-12

1 Th 4:8 Persecution --- attire and purity.

Bigger picture-really hating God

Who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit -- was given to be Comforter

John 14:26 *Comforter*: walks alongside, intercessor, advocate. Lead, guide, use, speak through us, teach. John 16:7-11

1 Th 4:9 Concerning manifesting love (Phileo) to brothers--don't need me to say a thing.

God has given total giving, sacrificial love. Rom 5:5; 2 Cor 5:17; 1 Cor 3:16-17; 1 Jn 2:20; 2:27; 16:8

If not respond to Holy Spirit's conviction:

1. Quench 1 Th 5:19

2. Grieve Eph 4:30

1 Th 4:10 Certainly...to be sure, you already love brothers throughout Macedonia... don't be content

Never be content with spiritual level.

Learn more ...Grow more in prayer lives.

Eph 4:15; 2 Th 1:3; 1 Pet 2:2; 2 Pet 3:18

Giving: Growing in faith in area of stewardship.

Knowledge of Word...Prayer Life

Local Church...preaching

1 Th 4:11 Hendrichson: *Fanatics, busybodies, and loafers, nearly every church has them! Often one and the same person is all three. Hence, the three admonitions do not concern three separate classes of people, but in a sense the entire congregation, for the seed of every sin is embedded in every heart."*

Study: strive, labor, work at, pursue, grow at...be ambitious

Quiet: keep still; refrain from meddlesomeness, hold peace. Opposite of restlessness.
Tranquility of mind.

Wiersbe: ... *emphasis is on quietness of mind and heart, the inner peace that enables a man to be sufficient through faith in Christ. Paul did not want the saints running around creating problems as they earned their daily bread.*

Mac: *not speaking out inappropriately, remaining at rest and tranquil*

Restlessness properly channeled.

Matt Hen: ... *We should be ambitious and industrious how to be calm and quiet in our minds, in patience to possess our own souls, and to be quiet towards others; or of a meek and mild, a gentle and peaceable disposition, not given to strife, contention, or division.*

... to do your own business. Mind own affairs. Don't be busybody, meddler.

2 Th 3:11-12

Matt Hen: ...*Those who are busy-bodies, meddling in other men's matters, generally have but little quiet in their own minds and cause great disturbances among their neighbours; at least they seldom mind the other exhortation, to be diligent in their own calling, to work with their own hands; ...*

... to work with your own hands...

Not idle and lazy. God made man to work **2 Th 3:10**

1 Th 4:12 Honestly: becomingly, fittingly, with good character and discretion. Have integrity.

Toward them that are without. In front of the lost.

that ye may have lack of nothing. *You won't be dependent upon the others in the body for your material needs.*

SO WHAT?

See the bigger picture. 1 Th 4:8

Grow in ability to love 1 Th 4:9-10

Be quiet and work hard. 1 Th 4:11

Have integrity. 1 Th 4:12